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Draft report of the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole

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Addendum

C. Implementation in areas requiring urgent action

2. Sectors and issues

Energy

1. The Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole considered the subsection entitled "Energy" of section C.2 of the proposed outcome of the special session (A/S-19/14-E/1997/60, sect. I.B) at its ___th meeting on ___ June 1997.

2. At the same meeting, the Committee approved the following amendments and recommended that the General Assembly adopt the subsection entitled "Energy" as amended:

(a) In paragraph 35, the brackets in the fourth sentence were deleted and the following text was added at the end of that sentence: ", and through appropriate national action";

(b) Subparagraph 39 (a) was revised to read:

> "A movement towards sustainable patterns of production, distribution and use of energy. To advance this work at the intergovernmental level, the Commission on Sustainable Development will discuss energy issues at its ninth session. Noting the vital role of energy in the continuation of sustained economic growth,

especially for developing countries, be they importers or suppliers of energy, and recognizing the complexities and interdependencies inherent in addressing energy issues within the context of sustainable development, preparations for this session should take place over a longer time-frame within an open-ended intergovernmental group of experts on energy and sustainable development to be held in conjunction with inter-sessional meetings of the Commission. In line with the objectives of Agenda 21, the meeting of the Commission should contribute to a future of sustainable energy for all";

(c) In subparagraph 39 (d), the first sentence was revised to read:

"Evolving commitments for the transfer of relevant technology, including time-bound commitments, as appropriate, to developing countries and economies in transition so as to enable them to increase the use of renewable energy sources and cleaner fossil fuels and to improve efficiency in energy production, distribution and use";

(d) In subparagraph 39 (f), the bracketed word "preferably" and the preceding comma were deleted;

(e) Subparagraph 39 (g) was revised to read:

"Encouraging Governments and the private sector to consider appropriate ways to gradually promote environmental cost internalization so as to achieve more sustainable use of energy, taking fully into account the economic, social and environmental conditions of all countries, in particular developing countries. In this regard, the international community should cooperate to minimize the possible adverse impacts on the development process of developing countries resulting from the implementation of these policies and measures. There is also a need for encouraging the reduction and gradual elimination of subsidies for energy production and consumption that inhibit sustainable development. Such policies should take fully into account the specific needs and conditions of developing countries, particularly least developed countries, as reflected in the special and differential treatment accorded them in the Uruguay Round of Multilateral Trade Negotiations Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures;[1]"

(f) Subparagraph 39 (h) was revised to read:

"Encouraging better coordination on the issue of energy within the United Nations system, under the guidance of the General Assembly and taking into account the coordinating role of the Economic and Social Council".

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[1] See Legal Instruments Embodying the Results of the Uruguay Round of Multilateral Trade Negotiations, done at Marrakesh on 15 April 1994 (Gatt secretariat publication, Sales No. GATT/1994-7).